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JUSTICE MACHINE AGAINST THE ELEMENTALS?!

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Welcome to the first edition of **The Comico Checklist.** This flyer is designed to accomplish two goals: one is to keep you tuned into the goings-on here at Comico the Comic Company and the other is to give you artwork to display as a poster or reminder of upcoming Comico projects. As you can see, the cover for this first edition was illustrated by a wonderfully talented gentleman by the name of **Mike Gustovich.** Mike is well known for his fine pencilling and inking, and over the past several years has worked with just about every comic publisher there is. He is well respected by his peers and we are pleased to welcome him and his **Justice Machine** to Comico the Comic Company.

Now, the **Justice Machine,** created by **Gustovich,** and the **Elementals,** created by **Bill Willingham,** are together again!!! However, unlike the last time they met in **JUSTICE MACHINE ANNUAL #1,** this time they will appear together in the same story. Kicking off a four-issue mini-series which has been co-plotted by both gentlemen, this hot new series will be written by **Willingham** and pencilled and inked by **Gustovich** and is set for release in May of '86. There will be lots of surprises from these two very creative artists as they team up to create what will be the most talked about mini-series in a long time! After the mini-series (which, by the way, is Comico's *first* mini-series!) the **JUSTICE MACHINE** will continue with its very own monthly release and you can rest assured that Mike has great plans for these characters! So keep your eyes on the ads and be sure to get our second checklist out in March.

The second new series set for '86 is **JONNY QUEST.** Yes, the 1960s hit TV series from Hanna-Barbera is now going to be a brand new monthly comic book from Comico the Comic Company. And who did Comico get to reestablish these classic characters into the eighties? None other than the creator of **JONNY QUEST, Mr. Doug Wildey!!!**

Mr. Wildey is one of the most respected storytellers of our time and his beautifully painted western tale **Rio** which appeared in **ECLIPSE MONTHLY** is considered by many as one of the most impressive in comic book history. He will be writing, pencilling, inking, and coloring the 12-page lead story while also supplying a full color painting which will serve as a wraparound cover for our very first issue of **QUEST.**

We are also pleased to announce that the imaginative **Mr. William Messner-Loebs** will be writing the **JONNY QUEST** back-up feature in this first issue and will continue as the regular writer of the series. **Mr. Loebs** is best known for his innovative series, **JOURNEY,** which he writes and illustrates for Fantagraphics Books. He is also working with **Michael T. Gilbert** on **MR. MONSTER** published by our friends **Cat** and **Dean** at Eclipse Comics.

The talented artist working with **Mr. Loebs** on this back-up feature is none other than **Steve Rude.** Steve is penciller and co-creator, with **Mike Baron,** of the very popular comic, **NEXUS.** He has been a longtime friend of Comico's and we are pleased as punch to finally get the opportunity to work with him. We feel that the line-up for this issue is quite an impresssive one and are proud to be able to present so many of today's top talents in a single issue.

The third new series from Comico set to hit the racks this coming summer will be a brand new comic based upon the current hit TV series, **STAR BLAZERS.** No creative team can be announced at this time due to contractual negotiations, but rest assured that we will make sure the right people will be at the helm of this project to deliver the best possible entertainment to suit any **STAR BLAZERS** fanatic as well as any lover of the comic book medium. This new series will consist of all brand new stories and will not be an adaptation of any previously released film or TV show from Japan. More info will follow in the next checklist.

The fourth new title to come from Comico should be familiar to all the fans of **Matt Wagner's MAGE,** since its back-up feature, **GRENDEL,** will begin as its own monthly title this summer from Comico. Creator **Matt Wagner** will be scripting this project while the talented new artist **Arnold Pander** takes over as penciller. **GRENDEL** was one of the four original black and white titles which launched Comico into the publishing field several years ago. Canceled after its third issue, the title resurfaced as a four-page back-up feature beginning in **MAGE #6.** We are very excited about **GRENDEL's** return and expect great things from this creative team.

Currently, Comico has two graphic novels in the works, the first of which is being written by the extremely talented **Mike Baron,** creator of **NEXUS** and **BADGER.** Mike is the regular scripter of our **ROBOTECH Masters** and will be bringing **The ROBOTECH Graphic Novel** to life along with penciller **Neil Vokes,** and inker **Rich Rankin.**

The story is based on a treatment by **Carl Macek,** the producer of the ROBOTECH television series and soon-to-be-released motion picture. This story is totally new—not an adaptation of any existing show—and will appear in graphic novel form.

The other graphic novel is . . . well, let's save that one for later. We've gotta have *something* to talk about in the next checklist, so for now let's just say it's *the* graphic novel of the eighties!!!

Well, that's about it for the moment, but sit tight 'cause we've got more surprises coming your way! We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your trust and faith in us and your continued support. Your cards and letters are much appreciated. Please keep them coming; we read every one.

Be sure to get the second edition of **The Comico Checklist,** due out in March. 'Til then, take care!

Just trying to be,

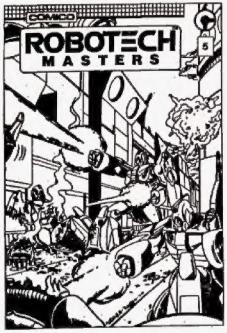
Bob Schreck

Advertising and Promotions Director

Coming from COMICO

In January—

ROBOTECH Masters #5: *It's all-out war this issue as the Robotech Masters' giant flagship gets menacingly closer to the earth and Dana Sterling's 15th squadron is called on to handle this new threat! Scripter* ***Mike Baron*** *and penciller* ***Neil Vokes*** *welcome newcomer* ***Keith Wilson*** *on inks.*



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ROBOTECH The New Generation #5: *While Yellow Dancer performs in concert, Scott and company are trapped underground in a desperate bid to obtain more protoculture supplies.* ***Jack Herman*** *scripts,* ***Jeff Dee*** *pencils, and* ***Sam Kieth*** *inks.*

In February—

ROBOTECH The Macross Saga #9: *Minmei enters a beauty contest which is designed to boost morale on the SDF-1 while pilot Rick Hunter falls into a deadly Zentraedi trap!* ***Jack Herman*** *scripts,* ***Reggie Byers*** *pencils, and* ***Tom Poston*** *inks.*

ROBOTECH Masters #6: *Dana Sterling and her 15th squadron are "volunteered" for yet another dangerous mission in "Prelude to Battle."* ***Mike Baron*** *scripts and* ***Neil Vokes*** *pencils.*

ELEMENTALS #6: *In this issue our heroes begin the long journey home. But what trip would be complete without an unscheduled detour in Alabama?* ***Bill Willingham*** *plots and pencils,* ***Jack Herman*** *scripts, and* ***Rich Rankin*** *inks.*

ELEMENTALS TM and © 1985 Bill Willingham

MAGE #11: *At the Styx Casino, Kevin Matchstick is interrogated while literally in the clutches of the enemy!* ***Matt Wagner*** *writes, pencils, and colors.* ***Sam Kieth*** *inks. The four-page back-up,* ***GRENDEL,*** *continues the tale of Hunter Rose. Also by* ***Wagner*** *with* ***Rich Rankin*** *as inker.*

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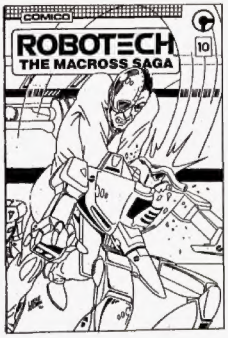
In March—

ROBOTECH The New Generation #6: *Upon returning to her hometown, Rook Bartley has a "Hard Time" when forced to confront the past she left behind!* ***Jack Herman*** *scripts,* ***Reggie Byers*** *pencils, and* ***Tom Poston*** *inks.*



ROBOTECH The Macross Saga #10: *The SDF-1 is dealt a heavy blow and left adrift in space without radar in "Blind Game."* ***Jack Herman*** *scripts,* ***Mike Leeke*** *pencils, and* ***Chris Kalnick*** *inks.*

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